

Group of 77 Delivers Statement at the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee



G-77 Chairperson, Philippine Ambassador and Permanent Delegate Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, delivers a statement at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee

29 June 2015– Philippine Ambassador and Permanent Delegate Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro delivered a statement under item 5C: Follow-up of the Director-General’s initiative “The World Heritage Convention: Thinking Ahead” during the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee, in her capacity as Chair of the Paris Chapter of the Group of 77.

In her statement, Ambassador Lazaro expressed concern over attacks on World Heritage sites throughout the world and commended UNESCO for its #unite4heritage campaign which aims to build support for the protection of heritage threatened by sectarianism and extreme violence.

Ambassador Lazaro also called for solidarity to Nepal whose world heritage has been severely damaged by recent natural disasters. She emphasized the need for enhanced capacity-building and technical assistance for developing countries so that they can more effectively protect and benefit from world heritage and increase their inscriptions on the World Heritage List.

Ambassador Lazaro concluded her statement by reaffirming the G-77 support to a more balanced and credible World Heritage List and a strong Committee, in order to increase the Convention’s relevance for developing and least developing countries and promote equitable and inclusive sustainable development.